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SUBJ: CONGEN PARTICIPATION AT THE 1975 FALL CANTON
TRADE FAIR

REF: A) PEKING 1718 B) HONG KONG 9166

1. REF A. OUTLINES USLO'S PROPOSAL FOR THE PROVISION OF
USG SERVICES AT THE 1975 FALL TRADE FAIR. IT STATES
THAT USLO HOPES OFFICERS FROM THE CONGEN WILL BE ABLE
TO ATTEND THE FAIR AND ASSUMES THAT APPLICATIONS FOR
VISAS WILL BE HANDLED IN WASHINGTON. REF B OUTLINED
THE CONGEN'S SUGGESTED APPROACH FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO USE
IN SEEKING PRC APPROVAL FOR CONGEN PARTICIPATION IN THE
FAIR. WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING DEPARTMENT'S REACTION
TO THIS SUGGESTION AND IF AN APPROACH HAS ACTUALLY BEEN
MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT ON THIS ISSUE.

2. WE EXPECT THAT IT IS RATHER LATE TO COMPLETE ARRANGE-
MENTS FOR CONGEN PARTICIPATION EVEN IF THIS PARTICIPA-
TION WERE TO BE APPROVED BY THE PRC. IN FACT, GIVEN THE
PRC'S CURRENTLY VERY NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS CONGEN
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OFFICERS PARTICIPATING AS ESCORTS FOR US DELEGATION,

THE POSSIBILITY OF APPROVAL FOR FAIR PARTICIPATION APPEARS RATHER REMOTE. NEVERTHELESS, FOR THE REASONS CITED IN REF B AND BECAUSE WE DO NOT WISH TO GIVE APPEARANCE THAT WE ACCEPT THE PRC'S INTERPRETATION THAT CERTAIN AMERICAN OFFICIALS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO HELP CARRY OUT THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE AS IT RELATES TO PROMOTING TRADE SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY ARE PRESENTLY STATIONED IN HONG KONG, WE STRONGLY BELIEVE ANOTHER APPROACH ON CONGEN APARTICIPATION AT THE FAIR SHOULD BE MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND AT AS HIGH, A LEVEL AS FEASIBLE. WHATEVER THE RESULTS, IT WOULD SEEM TO BE WORTHWHILE TO BE CONSISTENT IN MAINTAINING PRINCIPLE THAT CONGEN PARTICIPATION IN FAIR IS PART OF OUR SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE RESPONSIBILITIES.

3. AS STATED IN REF B, OUR CANDIDATES WOULD BE SCOTT HALLFORD AND LANDON CARTER. CARTER APPLICATION FOR A SECOND PASSPORT BEING SUBMITTED. WE WOULD PROPOSE TO SEND CARTER FOR THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF THE FAIR FROM OCTOBER 15 TO NOVEMBER 2 AND HALLFORD, THE MORE EXPERIENCED OFFICER, FOR THE MORE IMPORTANT LATTER TWO WEEKS FROM NOVEMBER 1 TO NOVEMBER 16.
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